THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Discussions have been held with the Maharashtra Government including the question of transfer of some part of Zudpi Jungle to Land Bank. Detailed proposals from Maharashtra Government are being considered.

(c) No irrigation project from Vidarbha is pending for environmental clearanc.

(d) Does not arise.

Manufacturers of Halons

2805. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some western manufacturers of halons on ozone depleting gas propose to step up the exports of this know-how to India; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the import of the know-how?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No such proposal has been received by the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Multinational Companies

2806. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the article titled "Multinational Corporation cons the Third World with ozone hole scare" which appeared in the Economic Times dated 17th November, 1991;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what is the present policy of Government with regard to use of Chlorofluorocarbons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It was largely because of the efforts made by India and other like-minded developing countries that the amendments of the Montreal Protocol incorporating special provisions favourable to the developin countries were agreed to at the London meeting held in June, 1990. According to the amended Protocol, compliance by the developing countries with the phase-out schedule under the Protocol would be subject to transfer of technology to produce and use the substitute substances, with a guarantee that all incremental costs which the economy has to bear would be met by a fund created by the developed countries under the Protocol. The Government has decided not to join the Protocol till the amended Protocol comes into force, which is expected to take place next year.

(c) With a view to formulating the basic approach which should be adopted in preparing the national strategy for the phasing out of ozone depleting substances such as CFCs', halons and other chemicals and for adoption of substitute substances/ technologies, a Task Force has been established in the Ministry of Industry.

पर्यावरण में सुधार के लिए दिया गया ऋण

2807. **श्री शिव प्रसाद चनपुरिया** : क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1991 के लिए विश्व बैंक की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार भारत को दिये गये 35 करोड़ डालर (910 करोड़ रुपये) के ऋण को जिन-जिन मदों पर खर्च किये जाने की संभावना है उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ख) रासायनिक उद्योगों द्वारा पैदा किये गये प्रदूषण को कम करने के लिए